JOINT LANGUAGE CENTER

704th MI Brigade
Fort Meade, Maryland

MISSION

Provide DOD linguists with professional language training

to maintain and enhance mission related foreign language listening and reading skills.

GOALS

- Achieve minimum 2/2 DLPT level for all remedial level linguists

- Improve post-course DLPT scores by 1/2 level (5 points) in Listening and Reading on DLPT for all students

TRAINING STRATEGY

JOINT SERVICE EFFORT

- Authorized billets for Army, Air Force and Navy Military Language Instructors
- Ad-hoc use of Military Linguist and National Cryptologic School Adjunct Faculty certified language instructors
- Native level contracted instructors as needed via 704th/JLC language contract
- Defense Language Institute Video-TeleTraining (VTT) native level instructors

TRAINING STRATEGY
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STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIOS

- 3-8 students per instructor (5-week improvement course)
- 1-3 students per mentor/instructor (remedial)

STUDENT/COURSE LEVELS

- Based on most recent DLPT scores

Apprentice (050) L/R =1 to 1+
Operational (090) L & R 2 to 2+
Professional (120) L & R 2+ to 3

TRAINING STRATEGY
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COURSE LENGTH

- 5-week language courses (150-hour = significant training event)
- 3-hour weekly remedial training programs for sub 2/2 linguists

COURSE MATERIALS

- Current literature, DLI materials, SCOLA, and COTS text books, workbooks, audio and video

TRAINING FACILITIES

- 13 CLASSROOMS
- 3 VTEL SYSTEMS (Video TeleTraining)
- EXTENSIVE LANGUAGE LIBRARY
- 8-POSITION MULTIMEDIA COMPUTER LAB
- INTERNET READY PC IN EACH CLASSROOM

COURSE SCHEDULES

- Days – 0800-1500
- Swings – 1500-2200
- 2nd Friday – Cultural Field Trips
  Restaurants, grocery and book stores, foreign language area tours, foreign films
- 3rd Thursday – International Luncheon
- Last day – Graduation Ceremony

GENERAL FACTS

- 3 Student Minimum Enrollment
  - Applies to high density languages
  - 2 of the 3 must be local area

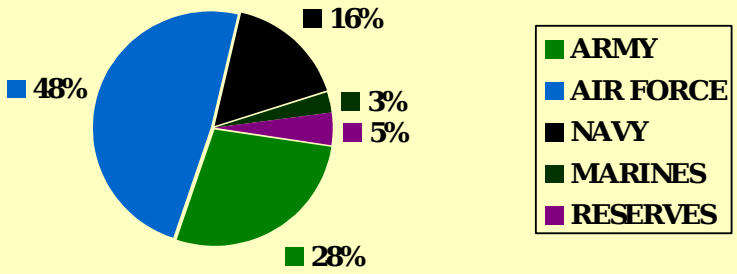
- Average Cost to Government per Student is $750

- No Charge to Parent Organization for Training

- Most offered courses:
  Arabic, Chinese Mandarin, Korean,
  Persian Farsi, Russian, Serbian Croatian

- Minimum 3 hours/day – Native level instruction

General Facts (cont)



FY01

- 466 students completed 5-week courses
- 14 languages, 85 classes

FY00

- 482 students completed 5-week courses
- 17 languages, 93 classes

LANGUAGE CONTRACT

- Number of hours
- Language
- $33 - $43 per hour
- Government facility
- Multiple vendors

- Hours per day/week
- Language Level
- Materials at cost
- Vendor facility
- Locally managed

- Payable via Government Credit Card
  up to $25,000 per transaction

COURSE AVAILABILITY

Visit our “Joint Language Center” website at

www.meade-704mi.army.mil

- FY02 schedule available now
- FY03 schedule will be posted in July 2002

NOTE: These schedules are subject to change

OTHER JLC EVENTS

- Language Olympics
  - Local Fort Meade Olympics (25-29 March)
  - DLI Non-Resident/Resident Team Support
- Local Isolated Immersions (1-2 weeks)
- Special Topics Courses on request

QUESTIONS?